Solution of Punjab problem

1056. PROF. C: LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to take a fresh initiative to solve the Punjab problem; and

(b) if so, whether talks will be initiated with the parties concerned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The Government has made sincere efforts to implement the Punjab Accord and further efforts in this direction are continuing.

Social Forestry in Orissa

1057. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total area covered by the social forestry scheme so far in Orissa;

(b) what is the total expenditure incurred thereon so far;

(c) what is the percentage of survival after plantation; and

(d) whether Government propose to take any initiative to ensure better survival of the plants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) A total area of 86,945 ha. is covered so far in Orissa under Social Forestry Scheme.

(b) As reported by State Government total amount of Rs. 2,201 lakhs has been spent upto March 1987 on Social Forestry Scheme.

(c) On the basis of sample surveys conducted by the State, the survival percentage of plantation is about 55 per cent of 1984 plantation and over 70 per cent for 1985 and 1986 plantations.

(d) The State Government has indicated that they have taken steps to ensure better survival of plans by improving the people's participation and steps are also being taken to declare the plantation as village forest under the Forest Act.

Exports by MMTC from Paradeep Port

1058. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of exports made by the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation during 1985 and 1986 from Paradeep port and so far during 1987 along with the value thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that some materials collected by the M.M.T.C. from Orissa are being exported through Visakhapatnam and Calcutta ports and not through Paradeep; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Export of material from Paradeep Port by MMTC during 1985, 1986 and 1987 (upto June) are as under :—

Qty. in Lakhs Tonnes

Value in Rs. Crores

Item	1985		1986		1987 (upto June) (Provisional)	
	Q	V	Q	V	Q	V
Iron ore	18.89	36.82	18.89	38.02	11.42	22.1
Chrome ore	2.21	24.18	0.80	10.21	0.25	2.78
Manganese ore	0.16	0.63	..	..	..	..

Q—Quantity V—Value

(b) and (c) One shipment of 10,000 tonnes of Chrome Ore of Orissa origin valued at Rs. 0.77 crores was made through Vizag Port in 1985 due to congestion at the port plot at Paradeep and insufficient truck availability for movement of cargo to Paradeep Port. No export of materials collected by MMTC from Orissa, other than the above, have been made through Visakhapatnam and Calcutta Ports.

Untraceable Pakistani Nationals

1059. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Pakistani nationals who have gone underground or are untraceable as on 1st April, 1987;

(b) how many of them were found involved in smuggling of illicit arms into India and also involved in the recent communal riots in U.P., Delhi and Gujarat; and

(c) whether Government have initiated some specific and stringent steps in this regard; and if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) According to figures furnished by State Governments, 1766 Pak nationals were untraceable as on 1st April, 1987.

(b) According to the available information, 3 Pak nationals were reportedly arrested for their doubtful activities in the recent communal riots in Meerut but their involvement in the smuggling of illicit arms/communal riots could not be established.

(c) State Governments have been given strict instructions to trace out the Pakistani nationals who have become untraceable and deal with them in accordance with Law.

Losses Incurred by NTC

1060. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the financial loss so far incurred by the NTC mills which are in operation and also the quantum of Government loans so far given to such mills; and

(b) by when these losses are likely to wiped out and loan from Government repaid?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The cumulative losses incurred by the NTC nationalised mills upto 31st March, 1987 work out to Rs. 917.33 crores (provisional). Upto 31st March, 1987 an amount of Rs. 908.32 crores has been given to nationalised and managed mills.

(b) There is no immediate possibility to wipe out the losses and repay Govt. loans.

Export of Drugs and Pharmaceuticals

1061. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any measures have been finalised to boost exports of drugs and pharmaceuticals;

(b) if so, what is the target fixed for the exports of above items during the current year; and

(c) what are the names of the bulk drugs and pharmaceuticals proposed to be exported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The target fixed for the current year is Rs. 273 crores, including castor oil B.P.